

# THE REHEARSAL.

1. A fresh Challenge of the Review to Answer him.
2. How he has Clear'd up the Case of Abraham Gill.
3. He Names not his Vouchers, tho' he says they give him Leave.
4. He says ther is no Occasion for it.
5. He bids Us go to Law for an Answer. He will not Answer Books.
6. He Vindicates his Experiment, and Involves his Vouchers.
7. His Vindication Expos'd.
8. He Replies not to my Vindication of the Scots-Clergy.
9. His Offer accepted as to Mr. Lauder's Book.

WEDNESDAY, February 18. 1707.

(1.) Country-man.

**Y**OU are call'd upon, Master, by the Review in several of his late Papers to Answer, Answer! He says he has given full Satisfaction to all your Objections against him, and now you have Nothing to say for your self, but stand Mute, which is Pleading Guilty. In his of the 10th Instant he says of you, I have gone through two or three Cases with him already, viz. That of Abraham Gill, Mr. Lauder's Notion of Episcopacy, and the Jacobite Sham about Charity to the Scots Clergy: I hope and believe I have Clear'd them up all, I endeavour'd to State every thing Right, &c. And Concludes, I shall wait with some Impatience Mr. Rehearsal's fair Reply to this, and in particular his Answer to the two Queries, in which I shall be very Ready to give him farther Satisfaction.

(2.) Rehearsal. I wou'd by no means have him Lose his Patience. And I will not take much of it up in my Reply to his Answers, or to his Queries. And first for Abraham Gill whose Story is the subject of that Eminent Book of the Reviews call'd the Experiment. And I desir'd him to let Us know what he had to say to a very Particular Answer that is Come out to it, with many Vouchers. And this he Performs in his Review of the 3d Instant, and it is in these Words, Indeed I have not seen the Book, nor shall I middle with it here. And he has Meddl'd with it no where else that I know of. Then he comes in his of the 10th Instant and says, I have gone through the Case with him of Abraham Gill. And I hope and believe I have Clear'd it up all.

(3.) Country-m. O this is Intolerable! Have you no Mercy in you to Expose any body at this Rate? To make him say he had Answer'd a Book he Never saw, and Clear'd it up! But in his of the 3d. he gives a long account how he came to write that Book of the Experiment, or was Drawn into it by Six Honest and Worthy Gentlemen four of them Eminent Citizens of London, and who are so far from being Asham'd of their Names, that they Frankly gave me Leave to Use them in my own Vindication, whenever I had any Occasion.

Rehears. Yet he does not Name them, notwithstanding of their Frank Leave. He keeps that under his Thumb still. You may Believe him if you Please!

Country-m. He directs to Mr. Skey's in Thames Street where he says any body may have the Names of these Worthy Gentlemen.

Rehears. I know one went to Mr. Skey's on purpose upon this Direction. And Mr. Skey Refus'd to tell their Names without their own Consent. In which I do not Blame him. But when they will Consent I know not. And so that matter stands as it did. But if they Frankly gave Leave to make use of their Names, why does Mr. Review make all this Cookery about it?

(4.) Country-m. Tho' they gave him Leave to make Use of their Name upon any Occasion, for his own Vindication, yet he says, I do not yet see that Occasion.

Rehears. When will he see it then? When will he have Occasion for it in his own Vindication, if not when an Answer is come out to his Experiment, making it the Groffest Piece

Piece of Subordination and Villainy [that any Age has seen?

(5.) Country-m. He thinks he has no Occasion for it but at Law. He appeals to the Law. And bids those who Answer his Book do it in a way of Justice, and in a Court of Justice—But to do this by only a Book—

Rehears. This is Pleasant indeed! Why? Was not the Experiment a Book? And may not a Book be Answer'd by a Book? You know, Mr. De Foe, the Law is Chargeable. Which they found to their Cost who first Prosecuted Abraham Gill, Supported by the Purse of a Party. And they thought it much Easier to Write a Book, than to Dance Three or Four more Terms attendance in Westminster-Hall.

But is not this a shameful Put off, to Excuse your self from Vindicating your Book? You make it a Party-Cause, and throw all the Slander in the World upon the Church. And when they Answer you, you bid them go to Law, and Hide your self behind the Law! Suppose I shou'd give such an Answer to your Queries, or to any thing you Object against me, wou'd you have any Mercy upon me? Wou'd you not Expose me to all the World, and Cry out upon me, for a meer Trifler, Slanderer who Car'd not what Dirt I threw upon a whole Party of Men, and minded not their Answers, or my own Vindication? And when I was Confused past any Possibility of Answering, to say I wou'd not Look upon the Answers to me, but wou'd still Repeat my Slanders and stand by them, as you do in this same Review, where after having said that you had not seen the Answer to your Experiment, and so cou'd not tell how far it Disprov'd what you had said, yet Notwithstanding you still Insist upon your Experiment and say, That every Title of it was True. This is shewing ones self to be Proof against all Conviction! To shut your Eyes that you might not see the Truth! If I had a little of your Rhetorick, how cou'd I Ring the Chimes upon such a Harden'd State of any Man, and by his own Confession too! And after thus Plainly Avoiding to Answer, to Boast that he had Answer'd, and Gonthrough such a Case, and Clear'd it up all!

(6.) Country-m. He says, That every thing in his Experiment was made so Clear, not to me only (says he) but to all the foresaid Gentlemen, that as every Paragraph was Read to them Again and Again, Approv'd by them, and Compar'd with the Vouchers, so we were all of the Opinion, and I confess (says he) I am so still, That every Title of it was True.

Rehears. This makes the Matter still Worse, till they have fully Disprov'd every Title of the Answer to this Experiment. Till

when no, one Title of it can be Believ'd to be True. And these Nameless Gentlemen are Answerable for Every Paragraph in the Experiment, which, as Mr. Review says, was Read to them Again and Again, and all Approv'd by them. So that here is a Conspiracy against the Church, and Vouchers Procur'd! It is not being Led into a Mistake by Misadventure. And here they stand out in it to the Utmost, in Defiance of all Conviction! That is, if Mr. De Foe do's them Right. Let him and them Reckon for that. They must either Quit him, or he them, unless they be all Willing to lie together under the Blackest Character that can be put upon Men. And to let their Cause too Suffer with them in it!

(7.) Country-m. But what Vindication is it of the Experiment to tell a long Story how it was Concerted, how Read over Paragraph by Paragraph, and Again and Again, and Approv'd every Title of it, by a Secret Committee of Worthy Gentlemen and Citizens? Was this a Reply to the Answer to it, which notwithstanding of all this Care and Caution, Pretends to Prove every Title in it to be False? But the Review found himself Oblig'd to say something to it. And yet not to Retract. Therefor he thought it the Best way to Reply to the Answer without Reading it, and let it say what it wou'd, to Assert over again that every Title in the Experiment was True! And then to Cry out that he had Gon through the Case with you, and Clear'd it up all!

(8.) Rehears. In like Manner he has Clear'd up the Other two Cases of Mr. Lauder, and the Scots Clergy. He has Certainly never Read my Papers, which he Pretends to Answer. For the very Points he Names of the Scots Clergy being Depriv'd on Account of the Oaths &c. were Objected by the Observer Review'd, and Particularly Answer'd by me, to which the Review Replies not one Word, but still Repeats the Accusation! And then Clamours for more Answers to him!

(9.) As to Mr. Lauder's Book, I accept his Offer to Lend it me. And desire it may be left for the Author of this Paper at Mr. Valiant's a Bookseller over against Bedford House in the Strand, or at Mr. Morphem, the Publisher.

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